

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Florida National Forests Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Florida National Forests Resource Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

73610

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

06/21/2016

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2018

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.

### 13. Effective Date

10/03/2008

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$37,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$37,500.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.30

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The committee is comprised of 11 members, four in category A, three in category B and four in category C. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Recruiting is ongoing to fill vacancies on the committee. The Committee was formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within Florida has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The committee generally will meet 1-4 times per year as needed to perform its duties.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

No meetings on recommendations in FY18 due to late reauthorization of SRS Act and

pending charter renewal.

## Designated Federal Officer

Kelly M Russell Forest Supervisor

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ashburn, Sandra	09/12/2016	09/12/2020	Retired, US Forest Service	Representative Member
Carter, Milton	09/12/2016	09/12/2020	Red Hills Power Sports	Representative Member
Clark, Barbara Ann	07/21/2014	07/21/2018	Public Archeaology Coordinator - Florida Public Archeaology Network	Representative Member
Eubanks, Johnny	09/12/2016	09/12/2020	Newspaper Publisher	Representative Member
Harley, Alan	04/23/2010	04/23/2018	Timberly Industry	Representative Member
Hendon, Marjorie	04/23/2010	04/23/2018	Marion County	Representative Member
Koos, Mary Anne	04/23/2010	04/23/2018	Representing Biking interests	Representative Member
Manning, Gloria	09/12/2016	09/12/2020	Retired, US Forest Service	Representative Member
Merritt, William (Bill)	09/12/2016	09/12/2020	Owner, Merritt Apiaries	Representative Member
Robertson, Preston	07/14/2014	07/14/2018	Florida Wildlife Federation	Representative Member
Thomas, Herbert	04/23/2010	04/23/2018	Timber Industry	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 11**

## Narrative Description

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

## What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Outcome Comments

Projects recommended will improve all the things marked yes

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

24

### Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations in FY18.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

79%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

21 projects have been completed. No projects have been approved for 2018.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

None of the projects approved for FY2017 funding have been implemented yet.

### **Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official regularly reports to the committee on whether recommended projects proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.

### **What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

### **Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

Yes

What is the estimated <b><u>Number</u></b> of grants reviewed for approval	0
What is the estimated <b><u>Number</u></b> of grants recommended for approval	0
What is the estimated <b><u>Dollar Value</u></b> of grants recommended for approval	\$0

### **Grant Review Comments**

### **How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**